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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, February 9, 2012 – 9:00 A.M.

Members Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Association of San Diego & Imperial Counties
Dotson, R.N., Melody – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Marugg, Jim – S.D. Co. Paramedic Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District
Ochs, Ginger – County Paramedic Agencies Committee (Alt)
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Workman, R.N., Debi – Paramedic Training Agency

Guests/Associations Present

Forman, R.N., Kelly – Mercy Air
Hudnet, Carlen – Rural Metro Ambulance
Rice, Mike – San Diego County Ambulance Association

County Staff

Pate, Rebecca – County EMS
Wolchko, Janet I. – Recorder, County EMS

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melody Dotson, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:03 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Kelly Forman, seconded by Jim Marugg to approve the September 8, 2011 minutes. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions.

IV. OFF-LOAD ISSUES

Ginger Ochs reported that monthly offload reports were sent to the base hospitals that requested them. The reports show how many patients each hospital had and how long the offload(s) took. Data includes under 20 minute and over 20 minute offload data. Reports were sent to UCSD and Scripps Chula Vista. Mike Rice said that AMR could also send offload delay reports to those facilities that request them. Mr. Rice will be doing a presentation on offload delays at the EMOC meeting in March.

V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

The following policies were reviewed by the Subcommittee:

S-601, Documentation and Transferral of Prehospital Patient Care Information – Minor updates that were made to the policy included change of the date and reference to EMS as a “division” instead of a “branch” of the County of San Diego.

The statement “The PPR shall be completed in accordance with instructions provided in the County’s Prehospital Patient Record Instruction Manual” (Page 2, B of the policy) is in reference to filling out documentation properly. It was suggested that the statement should refer to a County policy.

Action Item: Rebecca Pate will consult with Marcy Metz, EMS Chief and Dr. Haynes, EMS Medical Director regarding the policy.

A motion was made by Linda Rosenberg, seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt to approve S-601 changes that are on the draft copy. Motion Carried.

S-307, Continuing Education for Prehospital Personnel – Changes were made to the date. Discussion ensued on the issues in the County policy, State policy and the CE Provider Handbook. The CE Provider Handbook will be reviewed soon. Changes in the Handbook will reflect the County and State policy, i.e. hazmat policy, to make sure issues in the policies and the handbook are the same.

A motion was made by Kelly Forman, seconded by Jim Marugg to approve S-307. Motion carried. S-601 and S-307 will be forwarded to the full EMCC meeting on February 23, 2012.

VI. STAFF REPORT

The Golden Guardian 2012 exercise will take place on May 15-17, 2012. The scenario is an earthquake in Northern California along the San Andreas Fault.

- Day 1, San Diego County EMS MOC will be providing logistic support. The Joint Information Center (JIC) will be in play.
- Day 2, Full MOC activation. The hospitals and shelters will be in play.
- Day 3, County departments will be practicing COOP exercises.

There are reported versed shortages and potential morphine shortages. The versed shortage could be due to the FDA process. The morphine shortage is with the carpujects not the vials. Any questions can be directed to Susan Smith or Dr. Haynes. There was discussion on the use of cache supplies if there is a need for medications, and expiration dates.

iQCS is in the final testing stage. The security issues have been resolved. The systems should be up and running in a couple of months. Documentation requirements and standard mandatory fields on QCS were discussed.

The Ambulance Ordinance will be brought to the full EMCC for approval in February. It will be sent out with the EMCC minutes and agenda.

Agencies are asked to provide EMS with a list of new EMT employee names and those that have been employed less than two years so they have that employer information up to date. EMT's are required to inform EMS when they have changed jobs.

Sharon Carlson asked if the EMCC Disaster Subcommittee will be meeting. There are a few subjects that prehospital will be involved with, such as the trauma burn surge and pediatric burn surge plans that should be discussed. The Disaster Operations Subcommittee is called to meet at the request of the EMCC Chairperson.

Annex D is now referred to as the Multiple Casualty Incident (MCI)/Multiple Patient Incident (MPI).

Carlen Hudnet reported that when hospitals receive their LVAD certification, letters are sent to the specific hospitals for HIPAA reasons and the hospitals are entered into the CAD system for contact information. There have been discussions with the County to have an LVAD protocol that would be more specific as to where to go and who to contact in the case of an emergency, and what equipment to bring.

- If the issue is a non-cardiac, non-respiratory problem, the patient should also go to an LVAD facility because those facilities have the training and backup equipment.
- Mercy Air has a list of 27 LVAD patients in California that are outside of the inclusionary area (minute response time) and provides a list of what LVAD patients should do if they are outside of their area facility.

Linda Rosenberg announced that Mary Birch is under construction. The ambulance bay will be closed until March, and access will be through the main ED entrance.

VII. SET NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 am.

Submitted by

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